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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SUSPENDED CEILING PANEL EDGE  
AND RIB TECHNOLOGY

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Examiner: C. Green

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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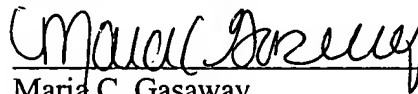
In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, the Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement requiring Applicants to elect one invention. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-12 (Group I) with traverse.

However, while Applicants agree with the Examiner that the subject matter of Groups I-IV are independent and patentably distinct, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-36 is sufficiently related and that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be

made without serious burden.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of the case, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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